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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would very much like to see the Microsoft settlement agreement which, in my opinion is very well conceived, approved by the Court. It seems to me that the goals set forward were met and that no antitrust laws are in jeopardy.

From what I understand, Microsoft has agreed to significantly change the way it conducts business so that its competition has a level playing field, and it will not take negative actions against any competitor of Windows. They have also agreed not to enter into agreements with third parties obligating them to sell Windows exclusively.

I just can't see why taxpayer dollars would be spent wisely by litigating this case further. It is time to get on with business and allow Microsoft to help stimulate the economy and reward its patient shareholders like my family. Government actions have already cost our portfolio far more than we would like!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Frederick & Coleen Walther